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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) 15-20 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-14 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election with traverse of Group I in the reply filed on October 29, 2004 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that claims 19 and 20 are linking claims. This is not found persuasive because claims 19 and 20 do not provide any structural limitation.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. It is unclear if applicant is claiming the seal mechanism or the plunger in the claimed invention.

Claim Interpretation

2. The following claims 1-20 drafted by the examiner and considered to distinguish patentably over the art of record in this application, the following suggestions presented to applicant for consideration:

3. Claims 1-14 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1, line 1, before "for", delete "A seal mechanism" and insert --An apparatus—

Claim 1, line 1 before "a", delete "in" and insert --comprising:—

Claim 1, line 4, before "said", delete "," and insert --;—

Claim 1, line 4, before "mechanism", delete "said" and insert --and a seal—

Claim 1, line 5, before "reversibly", delete "that is" and insert --cooperating with said self-sealing diaphragm, said plunger being—

Claim 1, line 6, before "is", insert --or the reaction vessel—

Claim 5, line 1, before "of", delete "seal mechanism", insert --apparatus—

Claim 6, line 1, before "of", delete "seal mechanism", insert --apparatus—

Claim 8, line 1, before "one", delete "wherein", insert --comprising—

Claim 8, line 2, before "supported", delete "are"

Claim 8, line 2, before "to", delete "moved", insert --movable—

Claim 8, line 4, before "the", delete ",", insert --;--

Claim 8, line 4, before "a", delete "the apparatus having"

Claim 8, line 7, before "comprising", delete ", said apparatus", insert --and a seal mechanism—

Claim 8, line 8, before "in", delete "arranged", insert --cooperating with said one or more reaction vessels—

Cancel Claims 14-20

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jyoti Nagpaul whose telephone number is 571-272-1273. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday (8:00-4:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jill Warden can be reached on 571-272-1267. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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